

Board of Park Commissioners
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2006

Board of Park Commissioners:

Present:

Angela Belbeck
Jack Collins
Terry Holme, Acting Chair
Debbie Jackson
Jackie Ramels
Amit Ranade

Excused:

Kate Pflaumer, Chair

Seattle Parks and Recreation Staff:

Ken Bounds, Superintendent
Sandy Brooks, Coordinator

Commission Chair Kate Pflaumer was out of town. Acting Chair Terry Holme called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. **Commissioner Belbeck moved approval of the Acknowledgment of Correspondence, the March 9 minutes as corrected, the April 13 retreat minutes as corrected, and the March 23 agenda, as revised. Commissioner Ranade seconded. The vote was taken and motion passed.**

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Bounds reported on the following:

WRPA: A number of Parks staff were in Vancouver, Washington, this week for the Washington Recreation and Parks Association (WRPA) annual convention, and made presentations on the Race and Social Justice initiative, diversity in aquatics/junior lifeguarding, and service learning. Seattle Parks received two awards: the "Spotlight Park" award for Cal Anderson Park, and the quarterly brochure design for Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center's quarterly brochure. For more information on Cal Anderson Park, please see <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/anderson.htm>. For more information on WRPA, please see: <http://www.wrpatoday.org/>.

Elliot Bay Water Taxi: Parks has signed an agreement with Metropolitan King County for the Elliott Bay Water Taxi to begin service on May 1. For more information on the water taxi, please see http://transit.metrokc.gov/tops/oto/water_taxi.html.

Gas Works Park: Parks recently planted 50 western red cedar trees in Gas Works Park between the parking lot and the main lawn area. The trees replace ones that were lost in the 1980s and completes the historic cedar grove planting on the berm that was first planted in the late 1970s. The tree planting was closely coordinated with the

Friends of Gas Works Park and approved by the Seattle Landmarks Board. For more information on Gas Works Park, please see <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/GASWORKS.htm>.

Bicycle Saturday/Sunday: Adobe Systems donated \$5,000 as a co-sponsor of the 2006 Bicycle Saturday/Sunday series. For more information on Bicycle Saturday/Sunday, please see: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/athletics/bikesatsun.htm>.

Southeast Area Programs and Activities Needs: Parks staff participated in a meeting convened by Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) to talk about the need for programs and activities for youth in the New Holly and Van Asselt neighborhood. With Van Asselt Community Center closed for renovation this summer, there is a need to compensate for the more than 1,200 youth who live in the area. SHA will convene a community summit meeting with Atlantic Street Center, Seattle Police Department, Seattle Public Schools, Union Gospel Mission, and other CBOs to design solutions that address the needs of the youth in this community.

Puget Sound Partnership: The Aquarium will host one of six public forums scheduled for mid-May throughout the region. This Governor's partnership wants to go public this spring with its plan to come up with a healthy Puget Sound by 2020. The Aquarium has been involved with the planning committees since January and will host the May 15 event to gather public input on the plans for restoring Puget Sound to good health. For more information on the May 15 event, please see: <http://www.seattleaquarium.org/events/detail.php?eventid=47>.

Langston Hughes Receives Safeco Award: Langston Hughes was awarded \$7,500 from Safeco, with \$5,000 to be used to support the Center's fall play "Diva Daughters Dupree," and the rest to support the annual Hip Hop weekend, "Back to its Roots." In addition, Langston Hughes received \$11,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for "Diva Daughters Dupree." The play will be produced as the Center's season opener in October 2006. For more information on Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center, please see <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/Centers/langston.htm>. For more information on Safeco's community involvement, please see: http://www.safeco.com/safeco/in_the_community/corporate_giving/default.asp.

Golf Projects: The sand bunker project at West Seattle is on track for completion in early June. The new bunkers are spectacular and receiving rave reviews from the golfers at West Seattle, thanks to the efforts of the on-site Parks staff and the project partners from Parks' Horticulture staff. The driving range project at Jefferson is quickly nearing completion, and Parks staff hope to open it sometime in early June. For more information on Seattle Parks' golf courses, please see <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Athletics/golfcrse.htm>.

Earth Day Activities: A huge number of volunteers participated in Earth Day activities on Saturday, April 22. Outdoor Opportunities (O₂) students took part in a Duwamish River restoration project called Duwamish Alive. In partnership with Parks, Environmental Coalition of South Seattle, and Earth Corps, the students learned about the history of the Duwamish River, community environmental restoration efforts, and what they could do to help refurbish the inter-tidal watershed. At Camp Long, 55 Girl Scouts pulled ivy off trees and tree roots for two hours on Saturday, April 22, as part of their Earth Day contribution and at Discovery Park over 40 volunteers and park docents participated in a beach clean up. Five earth day activity stations staffed by docents were available to Discovery Park visitors. More than 500 visitors visited the stations and took advantage of Earthday opportunities.

Youth Athletics: Citywide Athletics (CWA) received a donation of 100 soccer balls and t-shirts from Nike. The CWA youth staff will hold two free soccer camps during the summer of 2006. For more information on Seattle Parks' youth athletics, please see <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Athletics/ythsport.htm>.

Meadowbrook Community Center Coach Honored: Paul Dekkar, coach for the Center's 12-year-old boys' team, has been awarded the Junior NBA/Junior WNBA Honorable Mention Coach of the Year. He has proven himself to be an example on and off the court, instilling life skills through drills that will lead to a positive youth sports experience. For more information on Meadowbrook Community Center, please see <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/Centers/meadowbrookcc.htm>.

Upcoming Events

African American Museum Ground Breaking: There will be a ground breaking ceremony scheduled for Thursday, June 1, at the Old Colman School site. Seattle Parks will co-sponsor the event.

Ravenna Creek Daylighting Within Ravenna Park: The completion of this project will be celebrated on Sunday, May 14, at 1:00pm at Ravenna Park. For more information on this Pro Parks Levy project, please see: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/RavennaCreekatRavenna.htm>.

Starbucks Ultimate Park Makeover of Powell Barnett Park: Starbucks recently donated \$500,000 to renovate this park, with the kickoff celebration scheduled for Friday, May 19, at 11:30 am. For more information on Powell Barnett Park, please see <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/powellbarnett.htm>. For more information on the Starbucks renovation, please see http://www.starbucks.com/aboutus/parks_partnerInvolvement.asp.

Ross Playground Shelterhouse Opens: Last Saturday, neighbors joined Mayor Nickels and Superintendent Bounds at a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting. For more details on this Pro Parks Levy project, please see: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/rosspark.htm>.

Oral Requests and Communication from the Audience

The Chair explained that this portion of the agenda is reserved for topics that have not had, or are not scheduled for, a public hearing. Speakers are limited to three minutes each and will be timed. The Board's usual process is for 15 minutes of testimony to be heard at this time, with additional testimony heard after the regular agenda and just before Board of Park Commissioner's business. Five people signed up to testify.

Mike Nelson: He is the attorney for the Queen Anne Park Stewards in their negotiations with Seattle Parks regarding the Betty Bowen Viewpoint Vegetation Management Plan and supports the staff recommendation being presented to the Board tonight.

Anonymous: A citizen who lives in the Magnolia area and has testified before on the large number of dogs off-leash in various Magnolia area parks and at Golden Gardens Park. She has seen no improvement in the problem, even though Parks' staff installed additional signs. She gave a number of examples of her and her toddlers visiting these parks. When she has confronted the dog's owners, she has been threatened and followed; consequently she asked that her name not appear in the minutes. The Superintendent stated that Parks' staff are not authorized to cite owners whose dogs are off-leash — this must be done by Animal Control Officers and there are too few of them to successfully patrol the many parks. He recommended she contact City Councilmember David Della to request additional Animal Control Officers. It was suggested she also contact City Councilmember Jan Drago, who is especially interested in off-leash areas.

Traci Goodwin: She is a member of the Queen Anne Park Stewards and thanked Department staff for working out the Betty Bowen agreement, notably project manager David Graves. She urged the Board to approve the agreement. Queen Anne Park Stewards looks forward to working with Seattle Parks in the implementation of the agreement.

[Note: Ms. Marten and Ms. Frohm signed to speak after the Oral Communications segment concluded. The Chair allowed both to sign in to speak after other Park Board business was dispensed with. Their testimony and the Superintendent's comments occurred near the end of the meeting.]

Susan Marten: She testified that Windermere hosted a fireworks display over Union Bay in May 2005. Spring is the prime nesting time and fireworks are terrifying to the wildlife in this environmentally critical area. After the 2005 event, the City's Special Events Coordinator told her it wouldn't happen again. She has now learned that Windermere plans to have fireworks at Union Bay again this year on May 5. There was no SEPA process, no

public input was received, and she asked that the permit be revoked. She had been in touch with the Superintendent earlier in the week regarding this.

Suzanne Frohm: She is a member of “Hérons Forever”, which has a membership of over 600 people in Puget Sound area. She heard about the planned fireworks display yesterday and is also very concerned for wildlife if this is permitted to go ahead.

Superintendent Bounds stated that he had since learned that the permit has been approved, but not yet issued. He was unaware that Ms. Marten’s concerns regarding the 2005 firework display were not discussed at the Special Events Committee and they should have been. He agreed that this is an especially sensitive time for the nesting wildlife. He explained that Parks is one of a number of City departments that comprise the Special Events Committee, with Seattle Fire Department the department primarily concerned with firework displays. He has asked the Special Events Committee to re-consider the permit.

Discussion/Recommendation: Mayor’s Downtown Parks Initiative

Deputy Superintendent B.J. Brooks and Seattle Parks staff briefed the Commissioners at the March 23 meeting on the latest report from the Downtown Parks Task Force on the Mayor’s Downtown Parks Initiative. The briefing was followed by a public hearing. Tonight the Commissioners are asked to make a recommendation on the plan.

[The March 23 minutes are available at: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/ParkBoard/minutes/2006/03-23-06.pdf>. The Board previously heard briefings on this initiative at several other meetings. Minutes of those meetings are available at: http://www.seattle.gov/parks/ParkBoard/minutes/2004/03-25-04_minutes.pdf <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/ParkBoard/minutes/2005/09-08-05.pdf> and <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/ParkBoard/minutes/2005/11-10-05.pdf>.]

To read the Executive Summary, please see: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/downtown.asp>. To read the report, please see: <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/downtown/Report.pdf>

Discussion/Recommendation

Commissioner Collins moved that the Board of Park Commissioners support the Task Force’s recommendations as presented at the March 23 meeting and continue to support the Plan’s implementation. Commissioner Ranade seconded.

Commissioner Collins commented that only one testimony was received that didn’t favor the plan. He believed that the citizen’s concerns were thoughtful and hoped the Superintendent would respond to the testimony.

Commissioner Holme referenced a spreadsheet in the briefing packet which was not dated. Christopher Williams, Seattle Parks’ Director of Operations, stated that the information in the spreadsheet came from citizen comments at the open house meetings in January and February.

Commissioner Holme stated he is very interested in the process being used to expand the panhandling ordinance. The Superintendent stated that a series of actions will come out of the report over the next year and each will be brought to the Board for comments.

Commissioner Ramels asked about the relation of Downtown Seattle Association and programming. The Superintendent answered that this relation will be clarified as the Plan is further developed. Downtown parks don’t have the strong neighborhood support that outlying parks have and the idea is to bring a third party in to bring resources to the programming. The Downtown Seattle Association, Pioneer Square Community Association, and Freeway Park Association already do some of this.

Commissioner Ramels asked if the regional parks, as well as the neighborhood parks, will be distinguished in the plan and the Superintendent answered yes. The Superintendent commented that Queen Anne residents have asked

that Counter Balance, Kinnear and some other Queen Anne Parks be added to the Plan and this will most likely happen.

Commissioner Ramels asked about the City's noise ordinance and whether it can be amended to only apply to this Downtown area. The Superintendent stated that the current noise ordinance can be interpreted in various ways. Department of Planning and Development is revising the ordinance and Parks will work closely with DPD on this.

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Update Briefing/Discussion/Recommendation: Betty Bowen Viewpoint Vegetation Management Plan

Mark Mead, Seattle Parks' Senior Urban Forester, and David Graves, Seattle Parks' project planner, presented updated information on this plan. The Board received both a written and verbal briefing and a copy of the agreement. Tonight the Board is asked to make a recommendation on the revised plan.

Written Briefing

Requested Board Action

An informational report on the Vegetation Management for Seattle Parks Viewpoints (VM) document was presented to the Board in 2004 followed by a SEPA process for the overall plan. The first viewpoint to be restored utilizing this plan is Betty Bowen Viewpoint in Marshall Park. Three options were developed for the restoration of the views at Betty Bowen. A fourth option has been developed through a cooperative effort with the neighborhood. The Board is asked to recommend the approval by the Superintendent of this fourth option.

Project Description and Background

A Vegetation Management Plan to restore the views at Betty Bowen Viewpoint with three options was developed in 2004-5. The Plan's Option 3 was presented to the Park Board in March 2005. Action was to be taken at Betty Bowen Viewpoint in Marshall Park in 2005, but was delayed until an Environmental Checklist and related Declaration of Non-Significance (DNS) was approved. A citizen group appealed the DNS for the project in early 2005. Subsequent discussion with the group has resulted in an offer to drop the appeal if changes could be made in the original Option 3 of the plan, or the creation of an Option 4. Option 4 extends the construction time and reduces the amount of invasive species removed in yearly intervals. Option 4 will top one tree that was to be removed, remove two trees originally proposed for retention, and retain by pruning three trees originally planned for removal. All other actions of the original Option 3 will be followed.

Public Involvement Process

Public meetings were held in 2004 which laid out the three options for Betty Bowen. Following Park Board meetings, further discussions were held with concerned neighbors. Since 2005 Parks staff has met with concerned citizen groups three times. The Board has heard citizen input on the Betty Bowen project in late 2004 and early 2005. The DNS issued for the Betty Bowen Plan included a fourteen (14) day public comment period and a seven (7) day appeal period. Parks staff did receive comments, and an appeal was filed. Subsequent changes have been made to the plan to accommodate this input. This project was reviewed on site by the Mayor in 2005.

Issues

The citizens voiced concerns regarding slope stability, negative environmental impacts, and compliance with SEPA and City ordinances. The comments directly related to the Betty Bowen Viewpoint VMP were addressed through geotechnical and environmental review and the creation of Option 4.

Budget

The current annual CIP funding for the Urban Forestry Viewpoints Maintenance Program is \$40,000. After approval by the Superintendent, all funding will be directed to implementation at Betty Bowen.

Schedule

Upon approval by the Superintendent funding will then be directed toward the development and implementation of work at specific viewpoints. Currently the schedule for work at Betty Bowen was to begin in summer of 2006. The project is now phased over four years and will be complete in 2010.

Staff Recommendation (if applicable)

The Board is asked to recommend the approval by the Superintendent Option 4.

Additional Information

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Verbal Briefing

Mr. Mead presented a brief Powerpoint presentation, highlighting the changes from the last presentation to the Board to reflect the work that will be completed in Option 4. If approved, work will begin this summer with the majority of the work completed by late September. He briefly described the phases of the work and the agreement worked out with the community.

Discussion/Recommendation

Commissioner Collins asked if spending the entire 2006 budget of \$40,000 Viewpoint Maintenance Program funds on Betty Bowen is sacrificing work scheduled at other parks. Mr. Mead answered no; in 2007, another ½ of the annual budget will go to Betty Bowen and the second half will be used at another park. It is hoped that the community will step forward to assist with funding and there is already interest in this. David Graves stated that currently there is funding for Phase 1 only of the three major phases of this project.

Commissioner Belbeck moved to recommend adoption/approval of the Betty Bowen Vegetation Management Plan, known as Option 4, as agreed to by the Queen Anne Parks Stewards and Seattle Parks and Recreation by Stipulation and Agreement dated April 6, 2006. Also the Board of Park Commissioners notes that the original Option 2 (single-phase project) has been removed and withdrawn from consideration by Seattle Parks and Recreation. Furthermore, in the event that the Department wishes to consider the single-year proposal in the future, it must prepare a new SEPA threshold determination for the proposal. Commissioner Collins seconded. The vote was taken and motion carried. Commissioner Ramels abstained as she was not on the Board at the time of the previous briefings and public hearing.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Mead and Mr. Graves for the briefing.

Briefing: Japanese Garden Entry

Cathy Tuttle, Seattle Parks' project manager, briefed the Board on this project. The Board received both a written and verbal briefing. Both are included in the minutes.

Written Briefing

Requested Board Action

Seattle Parks' staff will brief the Board of Park Commissioners on the final schematic design for the Japanese Garden Entry Structure. This briefing is for informational purposes only.

Project Description and Background

Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks), the University of Washington (UW) and the Arboretum Foundation (Foundation) are undertaking an extensive program to improve the Washington Park Arboretum. *Renewing the Arboretum*, the Master Plan adopted by the City and UW identifies the planned improvements. The Japanese Garden Entry Structure is a high-priority element of the Master Plan Implementation Plan. The Japanese Garden Advisory Council is the main project proponent and coordinates with Parks, the Arboretum Master Plan Implementation Group (MPIG) and the Arboretum Botanical Garden Committee (ABGC).

The existing entry does not meet the needs of Parks or the community from an aesthetic, operations, or maintenance point of view. The entry area is not well integrated into the garden and offers no public rest rooms. The ticket booth employees lack good visual access to the entry and cannot easily provide service to large tour groups. The staff working in the ticket booth are isolated from Park maintenance staff. The maintenance staff does not have adequate office space or a place to work with garden volunteers. The active Japanese Garden Advisory Council needs a place for classes, demonstrations, and meetings as well as a place for storage for regular public events.

The scope of the entry project is to expand the Japanese Garden entrance facility to approximately 1,700 sq. ft. to include a ticket window, gift shop, rest rooms, and a small reading/meeting room. A maintenance room that houses office, storage, and work areas will also be incorporated in the new 1,700 sq. ft. facility.

Hoshide Williams Architects were hired as consultants to design the Japanese Garden Entry Structure and Nakano & Associates are designing the exterior space to enhance the southern entry to the Japanese Garden. The exterior design will focus on buffering noise from Lake Washington Blvd., and to enhance the entry experience of visitors as they assemble prior to and after visiting the garden. The exterior area will contain benches, trash receptacles, a drinking fountain, and other appropriate furnishings including wayfinding to other areas in the Arboretum.

Public Involvement Process

Two public meetings were held at the Graham Visitors Center at the Arboretum. The meetings were advertised through project signs, a project website, press releases, and postcards mailed to over 1000 interested parties and neighbors. Dozens of people attended the public meetings. The project was also showcased to the public at the April 22-23 Cherry Blossom Festival at Seattle Center, just prior to the second public meeting.

Public comments that were incorporated into the final design include strengthening the access between the garden and the entry building, providing a hot water dispenser in the reading room to make tea, designing the doors and views to maximize security, and increasing the meeting room size to accommodate up to 20 people.

In addition to two public meetings, a series of meetings to review the design were held by a team of interested parties representing the Japanese Garden Advisory Council, the Arboretum Foundation, the Arboretum Master Plan Implementation Group, the Japanese Garden Advisory Council, Parks ticket booth and grounds maintenance staff, and Parks planning staff. This advisory group provided constructive ideas throughout the design process.

Issues

Several issues constrain the location, size, and composition of the Japanese Garden Entry Structure. The Japanese Garden is currently in the process of being nominated for designation as a historic landmark and new buildings must fit within the existing garden context. Any new developments within the Arboretum must adhere to the Arboretum Master Plan. In the case of the Japanese Garden Entry Structure, the building footprint is limited to roughly 1,700 square feet. Future Parks' maintenance and operations funding may also limit what can be built at this location.

Budget

The Pro Parks Levy provides \$2,268,200 project costs of planning, design, and construction of improvements to the Arboretum projects, including limited funding for the schematic design portion of the Japanese Garden Entry Structure project. Future design and construction will be funded with a mixture of private and public dollars. The cost estimate for the final schematic design is currently being developed.

Schedule

Further development of this project awaits private fundraising.

Additional Information

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<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/projects/Arboretum-JapaneseGarden.htm>

Verbal Briefing/Discussion

Ms. Tuttle reviewed the information in the briefing paper and displayed large drawings of the Japanese Garden's current layout and the design for the new entry. The project is funded through the schematic design phase and donations will fund the remainder. One donor has already pledged \$500,000. Estimated costs are \$1 million for the building and an additional \$1-200,000 for landscaping.

Commissioner Jackson asked if the Garden will be usable during construction. Ms. Tuttle answered that the Garden is regularly closed in the winter months and the work will be done during the closure. The Garden may close one month early and re-open one month early to accommodate the construction. Commissioner Holme suggested using the entrance on the Lake Washington Boulevard side so the Garden does not need to be closed early and opened late to accommodate the construction.

Commissioner Collins asked if elements such as those used in the Garden's Teahouse will be incorporated into the design. Ms. Tuttle answered that the materials used in the Teahouse would be cost prohibitive for this project. She noted that the architect for this project designed the Kubota Garden entrance. Commissioner Holme attended a recent open house at the Arboretum and spoke with the Japanese Consulate who is very interested in assisting with this project. He recommended that staff pursue this possible funding source.

Commissioner Ramels asked if the funding includes future maintenance costs. Ms. Tuttle answered yes and that details will be included as design development progresses. Commissioner Belbeck asked if the historical designation affects the project. Ms. Tuttle answered that Parks staff are working closely with Historic Preservation on this. Commissioner Collins asked that this presentation also be given to the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Tuttle for the briefing.

New/Old Business

- **Commissioner Ramels Honored**: It was noted that a recent issue of a Seattle Parks newsletter, "Connections," there is an article on Commissioner Ramels' special service award from Association Recreation Council (ARC) for her nine years' service to ARC.
- **Jefferson Park Expansion Project**: Commissioner Holme read, for the record, the Board's April 13 motion and vote regarding athletic field lighting at Jefferson Park and the Board's previous decision to hold a second public hearing only on the lights.
 - **"At the retreat, Commissioner Ranade moved the Board not hold a separate and second public hearing on the lights at Jefferson Park. Instead, the Commissioners will hear a briefing on the lighting engineering at their May 25 meeting, immediately followed by a discussion and recommendation on the lights to the Superintendent. The vote on this was 4-3, with the motion carrying. Commissioners Collins, Pflaumer, Ramels, and Ranade voted in favor. Commissioners Belbeck, Holme, and Jackson opposed.**
 - At the May 25 briefing, Parks staff members are asked to supply a perspective of the view from the park if lights were to be installed and how the lights would affect the view. In addition, Commissioner Holme requested information on lighting only for the soccer and track field. The public may continue submitting written testimony through Wednesday, May 24; however, no further verbal testimony will be heard at the May 25 meeting.
- **SR520 Widening Project Stakeholder's Advisory Committee**: At the end of the last legislative session, State Representative Ed Murray called for the City of Seattle to assemble a group of stakeholders to focus on the SR520 Widening project. The stakeholders' mission is to

formulate a City consensus for a recommendation on the SR520 Bridge and its connections. There is a \$250,000 budget for the stakeholders, to be used primarily to study the impacts of mitigation and to manage any mitigation. Deputy Mayor Tim Ceis has been designated as the lead for the group, which also includes City Councilmembers Conlin and Drago and Seattle Department of Transportation staff David Allen. Commissioner Collins was asked by the Mayor's Office to represent both the Arboretum and Botanical Garden Committee and Board of Park Commissioners. The group will meet every three weeks, hold four meetings, and must complete its work by June. The first meeting has been held and each member was asked to go back to their respective groups and seek validity as the groups' representative and to assemble the groups' 3-4 top priorities for this project and submit these by 5:00 pm on April 28. The ABGC has confirmed him as its representative. Board members agreed to e-mail their priorities to him before the deadline. **Commissioner Ranade move that Commissioner Collins represent the Board of Park Commissioners on the Stakeholder's Advisory Committee and Commissioner Ramels seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.** Commissioner Belbeck will serve as alternate to the Committee. Commissioner Collins will give the Board reports after each meeting.

- Dahl Skatespot Design: Commissioner Belbeck recently received an e-mail with design drawings for the Dahl Skatespot. The location of the skatespot appears to be in a different location that that approved by the Commissioners after their public hearing. She will send a copy of the drawings to the Superintendent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Kate Pflaumer, Chair
Board of Park Commissioners

DATE _____